COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG
Wednesday, December 9, 2015

The Council met at 9:35 a.m.

The City Clerk advised the Speaker that a quorum was present.

The Speaker called the meeting to order.

The opening prayer was read by Councillor Wyatt.

ROLL CALL

Clerk: Madam Speaker Councillor Sharma, His Worship Mayor Bowman, Councillors Allard, Browaty, Dobson, Eadie, Gerbasi, Gilroy, Lukes, Mayes, Morantz, Orlikow, Pagtakhan, Schreyer and Councillor Wyatt.

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Madam Speaker: I would like to welcome in the gallery a group from the 311 who have joined us for today's meeting. They include trainers Rose Gregorio, Breann Hoover and Laura Collier along with some 311 customer service representatives. Thank you for joining us here today. I would also like to welcome supporters of the Blue Dot Project whose goal is to recognize people's right to live in a healthy environment. Thank you as well for being here today. Next, we will hear from Councillor Morantz. He has an announcement to make and he will also be suspending the rules to allow for students from Beaver Lodge School to bring placards into the chamber. Councillor Morantz.

Councillor Morantz: Thank you Madam Speaker. Firstly I just want to welcome the students from the Beaver Lodge School. I had the honour and privilege of being there several months ago to speak to the Earth Council which is a group of young students that are trying to be the change and make a difference in society by moving forward their ideas around the environment. And so, I want to thank you all for being here and as the Councillor for the area I'm delighted to see, always, young school children come out and sit in the gallery and have a chance to learn about how our systems of government operate. So, with that, welcome and thank you for being here. And also, we do have a rule around bringing placards in, but in this case, Madam Speaker, I think that the pizza boxes painted with nice pictures of the planet earth should probably be allowed and so I would like to suspend the rules to permit that

Madam Speaker: All in favour of suspension of the rules? Contrary? Carried. Could we have a look at these placards? Thank you, wonderful. Next we will hear from Councillor Gerbasi. You have an announcement to make

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you, Madam Speaker. As you may know, I just returned from the 21st Conference of Parties to the United Nation's Brain Work Convention on Climate Change also known as COPP21 taking place from November 30th to December 11th in Paris. My role there was as part of the FCM delegation which was also part of the larger official Canadian delegation. Through the Province of Manitoba's request I was also granted accreditation from the Government of Canada. You might ask why FCM and local reps went to COPP21. No matter what objectives are set in Paris it will take strong and sustained partnership with municipalities to achieve those international goals. Cities and communities are on the front lines of climate change. Municipal governments must implement mitigation and adaptation strategies to protect residents and address the major climate related challenges ahead. Cities and communities...sorry. I just arrived last night so I am a little jetlagged, so forgive me. International climate change objectives to be negotiated in Paris will have to be implemented at the local level, placing municipalities at the forefront of greenhouse gas reductions. Clearly, it was crucial to ensure that municipal voices and priorities were heard during the conference to make sure the negotiation reflects the priorities of the millions of Canadians who live in our local communities. And you ask, what did we do in Paris? As members of the official delegation, FCM was active in establishing a strong presence during briefings and FCM delegates asked strong questions related to the impact of negotiations on issues affecting municipal environmental priorities. I saw first-hand that Canada is advocating hard to ensure the text in the agreement includes such things as the rights of Indigenous People; the inclusion of local government and that an agreement takes on a global perspective. And as Canadians we were received very warmly by delegates from all over the world. People from Lebanon, from Kenya, came up to us and expressed profuse gratitude that Canada was stepping up once again on the national climate...on climate change. And many appreciated our Prime Minister and our government's position on the National level. Delegates met with key partners including Federal Minister Catherine McKenna, Minister of the Environment and NDP critic Nathan Cullen and Green Party leader, Elizabeth May. Environment Minister Catherine McKenna indicated her interest in strengthening our partnership and setting plans to implement new climate change

objectives with communities and local government in Canada. FCM showcased Canadian leadership in the fight against climate change through examples such as Vancouver's pledge to become 100 percent renewable by 2050. Delegates took part in a number of activities including an unprecedented gathering of a thousand Mayors and local officials from around the world at Paris City Hall, where we united our voices in a call to action to fight against climate change. We also heard examples from Scandinavian countries where they have greatly reduced their fossil fuel use. Sweden, for example, aims to become a fossil fuel free country and in their efforts so far, their GDP has significantly gone up as a result of the new jobs and the economic success of renewable energy. FCM delegates took part in a range of activities and discussions with our local partners from around the world on climate-related issues ranging from protecting our communities from extreme weather related disasters to how local communities will pay to implement climate change prevention solutions. We had the opportunity meet with Canada's Ambassador to France, Lawrence Cannon as part of international relationship building and networking with the country of France. I attended the press conference with our Premier Selinger, Ontario's Premier Wynne and Quebec Premier Couillard to witness them sign a new agreement on carbon trading that includes California. Sorry, I just pulled a Councillor Smith, leaving my phone on. What was accomplished in Paris you ask? The municipal role and leadership in fighting climate change was showcased and has been recognized in an unprecedented way, keeping in mind these are international negotiations. Our level of government was there and was heard. Efforts are being made to include language to the final international agreement about the crucial role of local governments and fighting climate change and Canada's taking a lead in pushing for that. Municipal leaders have gathered practical knowledge, ideas, and new productive relationships from around the world to take back to our local communities. And what happens next? The international objectives set in Paris will then have to be implemented here at home, in our local communities, here and around the world. Municipalities look forward to working in close partnership with our federal and provincial partners to implement technologies, measures and practices necessary in achieving these objectives. FCM will work closely with the Government of Canada to achieve these objectives and must be given the tools to turn international goals into reality on the ground here. Canada's new government has pledged to work closely with us to develop new programs, election pledges include $19.7 billion over ten years for public transit funding and 19.7 over ten years for green infrastructure and climate mitigation. I emphasize that we have a significant opportunity with this new momentum from Canada's new government, from our provincial governments' actions and COPP21, to step up and get ourselves ready to act, it is action that is needed now, words will not be enough. In conclusion, Canada's municipalities are on the front lines of responding to extreme weather-related disasters. Floods, drought and other conditions will cost Canadians billions of dollars in the coming years if nothing is done. Going "green" pays. Implementing green technologies such as renewable energy generate far more revenue than the original cost and creates...will create sustainable jobs for Canadians. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Gerbasi. Next, Mr. Mayor, you have the floor and I understand you have a few announcements to make.

Mayor Bowman: I do. Thank you Madam Speaker and I do have a few remarks to share with Council today. Firstly welcome Councillors and the viewing public whether you are here in-person or viewing you are viewing online, or on television. On Friday last week, the Governor General delivered the first Throne Speech from the newly elected Federal Government. As we all know, Winnipeg is a growing City with growing needs and I was pleased to hear that infrastructure was referenced in the speech from the Throne. Significant infrastructure commitments were made during the last Federal Election by the now governing party and it's important that we are looking forward to see how these commitments are reflected in the 2016 and subsequent budgets. I want to thank Deputy Mayor, Mike Pagtakhan, for representing Winnipeg at meetings at the end of November with the Federal Government in Ottawa to discuss resettlement plans for Syrian refugees in Canada. This follows on the heels of the open house that Councillor Mayes hosted on our behalf here in our city. And, as well, I want to thank our Deputy Speaker, Councillor Jenny Gerbasi for representing Winnipeg at the United Nations Convention on Climate Change which runs until December 11 and as she just referenced. Thanks to both of you for representing our city. On Sunday, flags here at City Hall were lowered to mark the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women in Canada. Established by Parliament, this day marks the anniversary of the murdered 14 young women at École Polytechnique. It's a lasting reminder to all of us to reflect and to work towards eliminating violence against women. Last week, Madam Speaker, Winnipeg welcomed over 20,000 visitors to our great city for the Grey Cup game and the Grey Cup Festival. The economic impacts associated with hosting the Grey Cup and all of the associated activities are estimated to be over $85 million. And hosting an event of this size requires a tremendous amount of work, a tremendous amount of collaboration and coordination. And I want to thank the Host Committee and the staff and all of the volunteers for their hard work and commitment in making this event such a tremendous success. I also want to acknowledge and thank as Councillor Browaty did, I believe last week in our EPC meeting, the outstanding efforts of many different branches of our public service here at the City of Winnipeg for doing their part to make sure we hosted the nation properly. Winnipeg put its best foot forward and clearly demonstrated why National Geographic recently named Winnipeg among the 20 best places to visit in 2006, in the world. And heralded us as, and I quote "the little spark on the prairie." At the end of November public consultations on the upcoming 2016 budget were launched. I encourage all Winnipeggers to take this opportunity to provide feedback on their priorities and their preferences for the upcoming budget. I would like to

encourage all members of Council to encourage their constituents to participate as well. Feedback through the various online mechanisms as well as through the Let's Talk team members will remain open until December 18th. Lots of feedback has been received so far but obviously, more is always better. Last week, Madam Speaker, was the inaugural meeting of the Build Winnipeg Partnership task force, the partnership brings key stakeholders together to better co-ordinate and align our vision and planning for long-term repair and building of our city's roads, public transit and active transportation networks and I look forward to future meetings and continued planning by the Build Winnipeg Partnership task force. And the holiday season was kicked off again this year with the lighting of the Christmas tree here at City Hall. I want to thank Mr. Ron Gerth for donating this year's tree, it's a marvelous specimen. Hopefully everybody had an opportunity to see it this morning upon your entry here at City Hall. It looks great under just over 9,000 LED lights. And I also want to acknowledge this is our last Council meeting before the holiday season is fully under way and on Monday, together with Councillor Morantz and many other members of this Council we lit the menorah here at City Hall. I would like to offer season's greetings to all Winnipeggers, to each and every member of this Council chamber and those in the gallery today. The holiday season is a very special time to slow down, to celebrate, to honour our traditions and our heritage together with family, friends and loved ones. It's a time to reflect on the last year to look forward to the excitement and the promise that 2016 brings and I want to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season and a healthy and successful new year. Thank you, Madam Speaker

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. That brings our announcements to a close. Councillor Schreyer will you move the minutes of the meeting held November 25, 2015 be taken as read and confirmed?

MINUTES

Councillor Schreyer moves that the Minutes of the meeting held on November 25, 2015 be taken as read and confirmed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We have no delegations registered today. We will now move on to report dated December 2, 2015 of the Executive Policy Committee. Mr. Mayor.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DATED DECEMBER 2, 2015

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker and apologies to Councillor Gerbasi for hitting her with my chair. I'll move adoption of Report Nos. 1 through 5 and 7 through 12 I would like to pull Report No. 6 please.

Madam Speaker: I will call the question on 3, Item No. 7, 9, 10, 11 and 12. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 1 – CentreVenture Mandate Review

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor to introduce Item No. 1.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you Madam Speaker. I will wait to hear comments from Councillors before speaking.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Wyatt I believe you stood this down?

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you Madam Speaker, I stood down. I just wanted to speak…this is the mandate review that was initiated earlier this year. In terms of the fallout that occurred from the matter regarding CentreVenture and the whole issue of what we later learned was the True North Square and we are not sure what the status of that is at this point in time, but nevertheless, this is what came out of this. I am not opposed to what's being recommended here, Madam Speaker. I guess…and I would like some clarification though from the movers of this...the mover of this is...this report calls for a standardized reporting for different agencies, including CentreVenture. But the interesting point here is the reporting that I see calls for standardized reporting for CentreVenture Development Corporation, Economic Development Winnipeg and their associated initiatives; Yes! Winnipeg, Tourism Winnipeg, Assiniboine Park Conservancy, the Convention Centre Corporation and the Winnipeg Arts Council. And so you know...and I think that's fair to request the reporting and in terms of the requirement for a standardized reporting to Council for these agencies. But, this report struck me as odd only in the sense that it in and of itself, is not a standardized report that's before us today. It appears to be more of a political motion verses an administrative report that's before us. And I need to get

clarification on that only because typically we have an administrative report, we have recommendations and the recommendations state the history of the matter, implications to the recommendation, funding issues or funding budget implications that may or may not be part of the report. And then, you know the recommendation in the body of the report and at the beginning of the report and also, the authors of the report, who wrote it from the public service's point of view. This doesn't have any of that from what I can see. So, I have no idea, you know, is this being brought forward and we are being asked to adopt a political motion versus an administrative report here. That's the concern I have. And I just want to get some background and understanding, why there was not a report or is there one going to be coming? Is this coming back again with the administrative report? The way it reads right now it doesn't quite read that way. It's...it reads that we are directing to these agencies to now have to follow this reporting structure but we ourselves are not doing the same thing. Thanks.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Wyatt. Next is Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. The...in addition, I understand this is a Motion, therefore be it resolved, it doesn't really...and I'm hoping the mover of the Motion can also explain when Councillor Wyatt was talking about an administrative report, really, I'm trying to wonder is, will we be voting on the detailed changes of how CentreVenture specifically itself will operate, for example, who is on the Board, various other aspects, will that be coming back to Council for consideration? I'm just wondering about that or is this Motion actually just setting forth and nothing else will have to come back to Council in consideration of CentreVenture and how it moves forward into the future? So I'll leave it at that, Madam Speaker and I'm sure the mover of the Motion can answer all those questions for us. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Next is Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer Thank you, Madam Speaker. In consideration of Councillor Wyatt's concerns over the process of this report, I'm looking at the background, that on February 4 it says that his Worship announced a creation of a working group to review the CentreVenture mandate comprised of the following members, three members of Executive Policy Committee, Councillors Orlikow, Lukes and Mayes and perhaps in the process here, they would know whether it's worthwhile for them to make comment on the process, perhaps they could assist in responding to Councillor Wyatt's concerns on this. As well, Councillor Eadie mentioned...I believe he either mentioned or alluded to representation on CentreVenture so the process of their decision-making mechanism, I would like to know as well, what type of representation is the intention at this point, that Council itself would have directly on the CentreVenture Board.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers? Councillor Gerbasi.

Councillor Gerbasi: I was...I just thought I would make a couple quick comments given this is a significant report that is...essentially reaffirming CentreVenture's mandate and although I represent a large part of the downtown, the downtown is the heart of the city, it's for all of us to have a healthy city to have a healthy downtown, and I think many of the things we have seen over the years in our downtown have happened with the support of having an active, effective downtown development agency and I think it's important we acknowledge their successes. And the importance of this report is that it's putting in place...it's reaffirming their mandate to continue on so we can get going with more things that we need to do to make our downtown healthier. But, it's also ensuring that processes are more accountable and Council is clear in understanding and being reported to on what needs to be reported to, and part of the important decisions as well as financial accountability and other things that we have to have a comfort level with, with our downtown agency. So, I think it's a really important step. I do think there needs...I guess it's more in the second report in terms of the long-term funding solution and maybe we're going to be talking about that after. So I just mention now that there needs to be some discussion with some of the stakeholders downtown on a few of them and further discussion which I think has been acknowledged since the report came out and probably before. I also want to thank Councillor Orlikow, who has done an incredible amount of work in reaching out to the downtown stakeholders and to members of Council, and spending a lot of time with us and taking our input, you know, it was a lot on his shoulders with all of his other responsibilities, to take this project on as a leader of the task force, the group, and of course the other members. But, I know that I appreciate that he did consult with his colleagues and there's...you know, there is never enough time to do the ideal consultation but it's really important and I'm not sure that this is the ideal process or the ideal structure, but we need to get this done and we need to get moving with our downtown stakeholders and this does extend our mandate, the mandate of CentreVenture, it improves accountability, it sets up processes to finalize some of the details around this, including the long-term funding solution. So, this is really important. We need to keep the momentum going downtown. I can tell you Winnipeg's reputation is on the up and up. I have been travelling around a bit lately in Canada and with FCM, and people are really excited to be coming here in June and they're going to be downtown, they're going to be at the new Convention Centre having a big meal and they're going to be at the Human Rights Museum and they're going to be here, seeing our city and we want it make them proud and we need a downtown development agency to do that. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you any further speakers on the Item? Mr. Mayor to close.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you Madam Speaker. I do want to thank all members of Council for their questions and comments. This is a...this is as a result of the hard work done by the members of the Working Group, and I do want to echo the comments just made by Councillor Gerbasi and thanking Councillor Orlikow, Councillor Mayes and Councillor Lukes for their efforts. This is not a report, this is a Motion that is being brought forward and as you will see in the Motion, it's noted that according to the 1999 CentreVenture creation document, the long-term plan for the agency was to revitalize downtown and it's always been to utilize the resources and the funding from the City to become a self-sustaining public private partnership agency that can be nimble and can expedite business, residential and cultural investment in our downtown. Without question as the Motion presented by the Working Group today supported, unanimously by EPC, articulates CentreVenture has been the driving force that has for 15 years transformed our downtown and we are reaffirming CentreVenture's original mandate and reaffirming the City's commitment to build on the successful relationship with Winnipeg's Downtown Revitalization Agency. According to the Working Group's review, CentreVenture should be continuing with their mandate but going back to the original intent of including Council in their long-term role for public accountability and to approve specific commitments that include public funds, just as they were held to account at City Hall using tax dollars to conduct activities on behalf of Winnipeggers. And as was noted by Councillor Wyatt, it's not only CentreVenture but rather, all of the City's arms-length agencies and corporations that conduct business and activities on behalf of citizens and with public dollars, Economic Development Winnipeg, Tourism Winnipeg, Yes! Winnipeg, Assiniboine Park Conservancy. Winnipeg Convention Centre, for example, who will be working collaboratively with to ensure that the reporting process is as appropriate for each of them. As the Motion indicates, it will...what we...in supporting this, what Council will be directing the public service to do will be to work with each of those agencies to find the right model of reporting so that we can increase our accountability for taxpayers dollars. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I will call the question on Item No. 1, CentreVenture Mandate Review. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Item No. 2, Madam Clerk.

Item 2 – CentreVenture Development Corporation – Long-term Funding Solution

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor, your opening comments**.**

Mayor Bowman: I'll wait to hear comments, thanks.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Wyatt, you have the floor.

Councillor Wyatt: Yes, thanks, Madam Speaker. And this does have a report tied to it so I am more comfortable supporting this with the clear recommendation history, I understand an analysis of the recommendation and implications. The one thing that I just want to point out that I guess causes me some concern and I just...and I'm assuming that this…there is nothing untoward taking place. But I just want to make sure that this is something that is only temporarily suspended and not permanently suspended, and that we're not going to get into a situation of using funding that was previously going towards what is being recommended to be suspended which is the Gayle Parvin Hammerquist Fund which, right now, members of Council as you can see from the report, 5 percent of City land sales go to the Gayle Parvin Hammerquist Fund to fund heritage projects throughout the downtown specifically. And in 2009 Council earmarked that towards CentreVenture to assist CentreVenture in terms of doing different projects. I don't have an issue with suspending it temporarily. It's recommending that it be suspended with a purpose of coming back and reporting or having a master plan or master agreement between CentreVenture and the City of Winnipeg with regards to the operation of the fund. Don't have an issue with that. Just a question of timing, number one, how long is that going to take in terms of the suspension? I'm assuming that that will require then another report because we are suspending the operation of the fund here…this will require another report to this Council chamber to activate the fund again so I just want to get some clarification on that. And also, the fact that I guess the concern I have are the main...one of the concerns I have is that the funding that is coming through the Gayle Parvin Hammerquist Fund is not...how should I say...used as a one-off to subsidize or fund the funding that we're going to require that is the $600,000 which is being referred to the 2016 operating budget. You know, that clearly...the fund was set up because it's understood that land sales, you know, are not always consistent. That, in terms of one year versus another year, the actual volume of sales could be quite different between years. And therefore, the funding that goes into the fund really can vary from year to year to year, where some years it's quite high because of the fact that the City has been very aggressive on land sales and other years it's very low. So my concern is that we are not simply using that fund to fund CentreVenture, and that the fund will be reactivated and that a report will be coming to Council quickly. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Are there any further speakers on this Item? Mr. Mayor to close.

Mayor Bowman: This administrative report I think it speaks for itself. What we...what the administrative report recommends is that essentially a number of agreements be entered into hopefully sooner than later so that CentreVenture can continue their important work. I think when you read the administrative report, you will see where there are agreements that have been lacking for many, many years and it's long overdue that we clean this up and have an agreement that works for CentreVenture and works for the City Council and the City as a whole.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. I'll call the question on CentreVenture Development Corporation Long-term Funding Solution. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 4 – Grant to the General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres – Glenwood Community Centre Arena Project

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor your opening comments.

Mayor Bowman: I will wait to hear from Council colleagues.

Madam Speaker: This was stood down by yourself Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Yeah, I just stood this down only…it's a great project. I know that the Councillor for the areas, I'm sure…wondering why is he standing this down but no, I stood it down more to make a point which is one of the great challenges we have as a City right now is the inability for us to get access to project proposal funding, call it what you like, project development funding to actually assist community groups who have ideas, who want to improve their facilities, who want to do a project in the community, to be able to write…to sit down and write a business plan. We don't have that line item in place in the budget to actually do that. And we have a...we had a number of years ago the Greater Winnipeg Community Club Council, GCWCC, put together a vision, 2020, which they outline a whole bunch of ideas they had for different facilities across the city, with the community clubs. And we fund GCWCC on an operating basis every year but I am just pointing this out because I think it's something that's lacking and if there is a way to address this through the budget process I think would be great but...and we are not talking necessarily a large amount of funds here, you are talking in terms of funding anywhere probably in the range of typically to do a business plan, to do a proposal and to hire a consultant to pull all the numbers together for you and to write the plan to do the needs analysis to do the consultation anywhere from $25,000 to $50,000, typically, depending on the size of the project, I guess. But that's something which really is needed and I know this is really what this is doing here, this funding is doing that for this project, which is great, and it is from previous budgets and I understand where the money is coming from but there are a lot of other community groups in this City I would suggest to you, other community clubs who don't have that funding in place that would like to be able to access it. The Provincial government, up until recently actually had a grant program that, for some reason, they didn't continue, but they actually had a program in place for project funding for writing proposals and it was administered by the same office that administered their community places program. And that allowed for community groups to come forward and actually apply for funding to write projects and to do proposals that actually were city projects in many cases but using provincial funding for it, for example. So that's something which I think we really need to address. If there is a way for us to address it through our budget it's not a lot of money, it wouldn't be much, but it's ironic that we are a funding on an operational basis the GCWCC and we are funding community centres on an annual basis with the universal funding formula that we have in place and that's...you know, well over a million dollars that you can see from the grant line in the budget. But, we don't have any funding in place for example for millions of dollars but we don't have any funding in place for doing actual proposals whether it be for proposals for facilities or for even programming in terms of actually...let's say a community club wants to write a business case to do a proposal to bring in new programming into a facility, there is not even seed funding for something like that. So our community clubs, a lot of them, for them to get on a more sustainable basis they are on a yearly basis trying just to meet their bottom line. And a lot of them who don't have, I would call them the "super community clubs" let's say, the ones with the arenas or the field houses, the smaller community clubs which are really the majority, don't have the ability, they just on a regular year by year, try to make their ends...their meet their bottom-line, pay their bills and if they have enough money to hire somebody to maintain their facility, a part-time or a full-time works person on the grounds, superintendent, and this is a struggle that they constantly have and they are volunteers. And so, if there is anything we can do to allow them to get on to a better and stronger footing, by allowing them to plan for the future and to build for the future, that would be very useful. But again, there is not any funding in place. So what quite often happens here is Councillors are coming to this Council asking for funding from...land dedication, for example, to be used towards funding a proposal to write a proposal. And typically, you know, capital projects…land dedication, typically, is going towards capital projects versus something like that which is more of an operating nature. So I just want to point that out I think this is…I'm supporting the report but I just use this as an opportunity to speak to this issue. Thanks Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes followed by Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you Madam Speaker. I had actually thought today might be the first time in Council I actually wouldn't speak but given this opening, I will go ahead. This is a long-running item that is important in a couple of respects. It highlights the confusion that is found in St. Vital because we have Glenlee, Glenlawn, Greendell and Glenwood all in the same ward and always creates some confusion and this report gets it right but it's a little confusing to read I think. This dates back several years not long after I was elected…two women who are very fine residents of St. Vital, Edna Sears and Sheri Loewen, said to me, you know if you could just get heat in the Glenwood Arena you know, ou would be in forever because it's known as the ice box. They have a tournament that was called the Ice Box Tournament. So I went in there one day wearing about a suit like this and it was unbelievably cold. Colder than it was outside and so we embarked on looking at getting some heat for the Glenwood Arena. So you have to actually go back even further before I was elected to the Glenlee Community Centre, they were running out of kids; running out of volunteers, a problem we have in some community centres and Norberry Centre stepped up and said let's amalgamate. To the credit of my predecessor, Gord Steeves, that led to a multi-million dollar gym addition to Norberry Community Centre. You'll know it, Councilor Gillingham, Councillor Pagtakhan will know, that we all played pickle ball there earlier this year at the invitation of the Norberry Community Centre. Great work by Councillor Steeves got the addition, what was the quid pro quo? The quid pro quo was you have to sell the old building, not all of the Glenlee site, the old building at the Glenlee site on Worthington. And then some of the proceeds would go back to pay the GC...I always get this wrong, GCWCC for money in advance to build that great facility at Norberry. Land declared surplus at that time, roughly 2009-2010. After I was elected and the new building opened at Norberry we had to turn and sell the old building at Glenlee. That building was approved for sale in late 2012 and then the complexity, as Councillor Wyatt knows and taught me, if you sell parkland in your ward the proceeds of sale stay in your ward, if you sell other types of land that doesn't necessarily stay in your ward. This was a community centre that oddly was zoned residential but the restriction was the funding had to stay within the community centre, so to the credit of the folks here including Councillor Wyatt voted for it in February of 2013, the decision was made to take the funding from the sale of the Glenlee and allocate that to Glenwood Arena Expansion Program and not expansion heating program because I can praise some of my colleagues Nancy Allen and Shelley Glover, both of whom approved Federal and Provincial money to go into the heating of the Ice Box Arena and it is a lot better now. So, we had this odd...we had approved that through the Building Communities Initiative, the funding of the arena and then we had the sale of Glenlee. What to do with the money, it had to stay in the community centre system so we applied it, with Councillors' permission, February of 13 into the Glenwood Arena, that freed up some money that helped save the old fire hall in St. Vital, so a number of community benefits came out of this one project. The years roll by and many of you will have dealt with a number of Appeals that have come out of that sale of the land on Worthington but in short, it took a while to close and as a result there was surplus funding. The good news is that rather than forcing the Glenwood Community Centre to go out and get a loan guarantee which was the original fourth leg of the funding Federal, Provincial, City, community centre, because we've got a bit of extra money here, that needs to be allocated within the community centre system that additional funding is going to be allocated to Glenwood Community Centre and they'll be able to proceed without having to come to us for a loan guarantee. Why then you might ask is this being paid to the GWC...the community centre...I always get the acronym wrong. The GCWCC, it's because the books at Glenwood were in a state that had some difficulties there so the GWCCC has actually taken over the books, there is enough money that they are owed to knock off the requirement...they won't need a loan guarantee if they get this. So this money, basically, is the end of a long journey that began, perhaps in 2009, we're just going to take this money and apply it toward the Glenwood…proceeds from Glenlee are going to go to Glenwood Community Centre and that means they won't have to come to us in a month or two to get a loan guarantee to pay off the same bills. No new money, no additional funding, project came in on budget, great benefit to the community. Just to be clear, it's the proceeds of sale from one sale that actually we realized more than we thought we would due to some delays in sale, we have a new Montessori School there serving the Islamic community in St. Vital so it's a new benefit for the people in South St. Vital and we are going to take the proceeds, keep it within the community centre system, great project, Madam Speaker. Come and skate some time with us at the Glenwood Community Centre. The Mayor asked me to take his place in the celebrity ringette game there a few months ago and I had a great time. Great money for a good cause and I'm sure you will be happy to join me there this year Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Mayes. Next is Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you Madam Speaker. As Councillor Mayes points out in his excellent explanation of recent history of St. Vital community clubs, Glen is obviously a popular name in St. Vital. Just to perhaps help out Councillor Mayes in definitions as he has done on our behalf, last time explaining the word regressive as it applies to tax systems in our city, I would like to point out that Glen by Google definition means narrow valley. Perhaps it's because of the fact that the Seine River goes through the ward that might explain the number of Glens. To add confusion to that, given that there's a Glenwood Community Centre, I live on Glenwood Crescent in Elmwood - East Kildonan Ward nowhere near the community centre but there is some confusion sometimes. But, Madam Speaker, the reason I rise on this issue is because of frustration related to this. I am supporting this Motion but again it offers me the opportunity to mention something on behalf of a community centre in my ward because of what we passed last spring. It's already been over half a year, my understanding, Madam Speaker, since this Council passed what...a Motion I moved earlier in the year at

our local community committee was vetted through the EPC and then came to the Council floor and was passed, I believe, unanimously, and that was to allow for a funding change for already a pre-allocated funds to the Valley Gardens Community Centre and that we would free up a couple of hundred thousand dollars that was pre-allocated, already allocated towards the community centre for them to make some decisions that apparently, you know, Councillors Browaty and Wyatt and myself been working on with them, previous Councillor Thomas Steen, as well, over time and then when it came to the time for that budget to be changed by virtue of the application that the community centre made to me and to us, it was passed. But Madam Speaker, I hope what happens here doesn't happen…what's been happening at Valley Gardens and perhaps other community centres because it's been over half a year and it's been held up through the process here at City Hall. So the Valley Gardens Community Centre can't do what we have already agreed upon doing over half a year ago, and that is allow them to make improvements to their fields and to actually go about with a site master plan to see what is the long-term future of Valley Gardens Community Centre and its relationship to Terry Sawchuck Arena and to the fields just south, including its relationship to the Elmwood Kildonan Pool, to the Kildonan East football field and the fact there is a landfill in the middle of this that we have to contend with. The placement of where the spray pad will be. All these things, Madam Speaker, that the community club has been working on for years has now been held up. And Madam Speaker, as we go to pass this, I hope what has happened at Valley Gardens doesn't happen here. And Madam Speaker, I raise this in the chamber today because I find this unacceptable. It is unacceptable to the Board of the Valley Gardens Community Centre and I hope this is rectified soon and I wish to bring that to our attention so that this doesn't happen again and in fact we give some due diligence as Councillors to what the process here when it comes to allowing community clubs to activate their funding. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Are there any further speakers on this Item? Mr. Mayor to close.

Mayor Bowman: I have nothing further to add thank you.

Madam Clerk: I'll call the question. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 5 – Winnipeg Police Pension Fund Letter of Credit

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor to open.

Mayor Bowman: I'll wait to hear from Council colleagues please.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Wyatt did you stand this down?

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I stand...I stood this Item down only because I think it's significant. We have been approving this letter of credit for a number of years now, but it's important, I think, to point out why we are doing this. This is something which...the history is here but it's not really here, unfortunately. It kind of speaks to it but doesn't...doesn't clearly state the issue of solvency exemption which we attempted to achieve back in 2011 as a Council. This pension, you should be aware, Councillors and I'm sure you are, is a defined benefit pension plan, which means that we are linked in terms of...to make it simple, that you invest in the markets, if the markets were to go south, and to drop on us, we would not be able to potentially make our payments in terms of the pension plan because it is a defined benefit plan versus an undefined plan which is linked to the investment of the plan in the actual stock market and into the economy, which we right now, as a City, as you can see in this report, the liability to us by September of 2016 is as high as $32 million. And this is a letter of credit that we're having to obtain in the event that there would be a major call against us, due to the fact that the markets and the pension plan would be impacted by that. So, we requested the concern of solvency, we requested of the Winnipeg Police Association back in 2011, that we have solvency exemption against the plan, basically allowing it to go up and down based on the market and that was not granted. Other cities, the Winnipeg…their associations did grant that. This did not take place here. And it's something that really should be revisited again, if it hasn't been with the association number one and the number two, we have talked about it in this chamber but it has not occurred, but it really needs to and that is, I think we as a Council have to look at a way...we have to, I think bring about a new pension plan for all new hires within the Winnipeg Police Service that is not a defined benefit plan. Because, this is really a big liability against us, the market is not always going to be steady and on the upside. It goes up and down on a regular basis but, if there was a huge crash in the market which we know happens, unfortunately, every decade or two, this is where this letter of credit will be drawn upon. And this is debt, this is actual...this is a cost to us, this is a liability. So we should be working towards phasing this liability out, which really means if we establish a pension plan for new hires in the Police Service you could grandfather those who are now covered under the existing pension plan, they would not be effected, the existing officers would not be affected in any way shape or form. In terms of being impacted, it would just be new officers coming into the service who would be part of the new pension plan which would not be a defined benefit pension plan and so therefore in theory in 25 years or so once you have all the existing officers who have gone through the system and retired and the new officers hired, the old pension plan would simply be phased out and you would not have it any more in the future. So, this is something that I

think we as a Council need to be cognizant of and I think it's crucial that EPC address this issue and bring this forward. And I know it's not going to be politically easy to do that and popular, it won't necessarily amongst some circles...it won't be that popular, but frankly, we have to, I think, concern ourselves with the financial welfare of all of the citizens of the city and, frankly, the defined benefit plans are not common anymore because we know that this is something which in today's day and age, you can't...it's a liability. You can't afford to have that. So this is something which I am raising today and I am supporting the...we have to have this letter of credit so I'm supporting the report but I'm just pointing it out of why this report is here, the history of it and really what we need to do to address this outstanding issue which really, in the event...when...it's not a question of if but when the market does tank one day, this letter of credit will be called upon. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Wyatt. Any further speakers on this Item? Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: I truly was hoping to get further information from Councillor Wyatt before I speak and I did want to get clarification from him in terms of what options there are in terms of.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Schreyer there is no opportunity for Councillor Wyatt to respond.

Councillor Schreyer: I understand that ma'am that's why I'm saying I would have liked. Having said that he does raise a good question. We tie pensions directly to the marketplace. Our entire economy is linked to the marketplace. That's the nature of our economy. But when we link pensions directly to a specific pension plan, when the pension plan is linked specifically to certain specific aspects of the market, well we are dealing with high levels of volatility in this century as we move forth. We tend to…I believe, Madam Speaker, this is a very important issue. This weighs heavily on the nature of career public service for the police officers just as an example. And the issue of pensions. And, the issue...I just want to say in general this is...again just like the issue of construction inflation, Madam Speaker, I know it's an issue that's rather beyond any municipal government but something we have to take heed of and in this case, something that we inevitably will have to take responsibility for. So, not to be ignored because otherwise we would not have this Motion on the floor here, Madam Speaker, for this letter of credit. So the issue is that we have to deal with, is that...you know in the 20th century we have seen by the nature of our economic system, a system that can grow on the idea that resources are limitless and that growth is limitless. Well, you know, we have had people here in the audience today from the Blue Dot Movement, you know, who are discussing issues of accepting the fact that we live in a finite world that our resources are finite and therefore our economy is finite. Growth is not eternal. And on that basis when we take a look at how our market is structured, we have to take a look at the dependency of our market to base itself on the idea that we can just keep growing, so much of our economy is based on the idea that it will just keep growing. Well, Madam Speaker, I don't believe that. And I believe we are coming to terms with that in the next generation, we are coming to terms with that slowly right now. And so I just say as we move forward on these issues of how our pensions are tied to specific aspects of the marketplace that we will have to deal with this volatility and take heed of Councillor Wyatt's concerns. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers? Mr. Mayor to close.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. This is a Council recommendation from 2013 and it requires that the Chief Financial Officer, our CFO, report annually to Council on the City's projected future commitments on...under any letters of credit issue to offset the solvency deficiency obligation from the Winnipeg Police Pension Fund. I want to thank all members of Council for their comments in particular, Councillor Wyatt I think made some excellent points and his points are taken well under advisement.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. I'll call the question on Item No. 5. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 6 – Office of Integrity (Ethics) Commissioner

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor to open.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you Madam Speaker. Very pleased to bring this report forward implementing an Integrity Commissioner will provide an open and accessible process to report perceived conflicts of interest with sitting Councillors. An Integrity Commissioner would be able to investigate, to advise and educate members of Council on matters relating to conflicts of interest and other laws and policies governing the behaviour of Councillors. This postion will contribute to building trust and transparency within government. As well, it will support Councillors with the advice and the educational activities aimed at strengthening the overall understanding of existing laws and policies governing Council behaviour. Several municipalities in Canada have implemented similar commissioners in offices. You'll recall that earlier this year, I brought a forward a Motion to Council with Councillor Jenny Gerbasi to prepare a process and implementation plan to create an Office of Ethics Commissioner. We wanted to proceed within the maximum authority

provided for under the existing Winnipeg Charter. The City of Winnipeg Charter Act currently does not specifically provide investigative authority nor identify appropriate penalties for breeching relevant policies, By-laws or Acts. However, it was very encouraging last week to hear the Province of Manitoba publicly commit to amending the City of Winnipeg Charter to provide an Integrity Commissioner with the authority to investigate and also identify appropriate penalties. And we will work forward…we will work with the Province on these changes moving forward with the support of Council today. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Mr. Mayor. Councillor Eadie you wish to speak.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm glad that we are finally moving forward to actually hire someone to do this. And from the way I read the Motion, it will be in place while we await the province to amend the Charter. It seems to me...I'm not sure how fast that will occur at this point, but it is encouraging to hear that the province is willing to put in a section on an Ethics Commissioner, so to speak. So I think that's great and in the meantime, I think if there ever is a problem related to financial issues, I think there still is the ability in the Charter for the Ethics Commissioner to link up with our City Auditor and have the Auditor utilize his powers in terms of investigation...or his order...the powers of investigation. And I think that this is great. Anyway, this is great for the City. It's time that we move along and definitely having an experienced person who knows how to apply and consider what is considered to be an unethical behaviours and so on and conflicts of interest and those sorts of things, because I know in our past history of the City, some of the interpretations of what a conflict of interest just was beyond me in terms of that and always having an experienced person and hopefully the right person is hired. There is always the perceived conflicts of interest and in that I will be interested to see how things proceed with the City as it goes forward but anyway, this is great that we are moving forward on it and I just thank all of the administration who were looking at this and thank those who convinced the province to actually amend the Charter to allow for this specific position in there. And I don't believe...and I hope that it won't be taken away that the City Auditor does not have in the Charter have taken away their ability to invoke investigative powers when we have some serious financial issues that may or may not indicate...indicators that we have financial issues to deal with. And we'll see how that progresses but I hope they don't take that away from the Auditor and shift it over to the Ethics Commissioner. Both of these positions will be essential to be able to have investigative inquiry kind of powers. So I'll be totally in support of this report today. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councilor Eadie. Next is Councillor Allard, followed by Councillor Gerbasi.

Councillor Allard: Thank you and just a warning to my Council colleagues, I do intend to make some comments in French. So I think you've got your ear pieces available.

Translation of French spoken:

I would like to congratulate Mayor Bowman and Jenny Gerbasi for proposing this excellent initiative, which is a step in the right direction to improve accountability at City Hall. Many of us were elected in a context where accountability was one of the most important matters for electors in Winnipeg. I would also like to congratulate the municipal administration, which has done excellent work in order to give us an overview of what has been done in other cities that are comparable to Winnipeg regarding this office... a similar office... I am looking for the term "Ethics Commissioner" in French. It does not come to mind. So, congratulations to Mayor Bowman and Jenny Gerbasi, who addressed this issue earlier this year. I am also happy to witness concrete action regarding this matter, which is so important to Winnipeg electors and to reestablish the confidence electors have in the administration and in their municipal representatives. So, this is definitely a step in the right direction. Thank you, and I look forward to the concrete results we will see shortly. Thank you very much.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Allard. Next is Councillor Gerbasi.

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you Madam Speaker. Well, this is a happy day. As many of you know, this issue has been something we have been talking about here specifically for close to eight years. This Council in a majority motion supported this being created back...I always forget if it's 2008 or 2009, it took a long time of explaining and hoping to get the authorities we needed from the province. I just want to clarify a bit about that. It is really great that not only, first of all we are moving ahead with something with whatever our existing authority is, we are not changing or giving our existing authority we're just saying this really has to move ahead and so I appreciate the leadership of the Mayor in moving the Motion to proceed with whatever it is we can proceed with because clearly it was a key platform and a key commitment of all of us who ran in this last election, last election, to do what we can to restore the public trust and confidence in Council and have a Council that our public can be confident about. What this is about…where the original Motion back in 2008 talked about the authorities that were given in the Province of Ontario where, because you are dealing with elected officials, there is various abilities to deal with administrative staff that are within employment, through HR and different things but with elected officials it's a very different animal to deal with in terms of any kind of consequences or any kind

of real accountability in certain areas, like obviously with financial stuff we do have a law about conflict of interest so if that were to happen, theoretically someone could call the police and someone could go to court. But, we are not just talking about that, so the Auditor situation is part of it, but we need powers to deal with things like conduct of elected officials if such unfortunate things were to happen. City Clerks has been very clear and our legal information has been very clear that we need that additional authority to really have the tools. And we have seen it happen in other places in Canada. We are not the first place to do it so we know that it can be effective in cities like Toronto and Ottawa have been given the authority...more authorities. So I also am really pleased that the Province is taking this step. And that they also...I noticed in Minister Chomiak's comments that he is saying he wants to work with us on the details and he wants to sit down and collaborate with the City on something that's going to work for us and I think that's a very positive approach that we should be having in all our inter-governmental relations, I think we'll all get a lot further that way, with that kind of approach so that it's something that's practical and works for us. So I think that's really, really important and as a last comment, you know you can say well, we had a bad ten years. There were some challenges which started all of this rolling and there were some concerns that why we asked for this. Do we still need it now that we have a much more trustworthy Council which I know we do. We have a great Council right now and a Mayor who is committed to ethics and accountability. But you have to set up a governance structure that it doesn't matter who the people are, it's the structure that has to be there as things come up and there will be things that come up and there might well be things...it may not be a criminal thing, it may be a conduct thing that needs to be dealt with and we as elected officials need a place to go when those things come up and we don't really have a place we can go right now when something comes up. Even just to ask questions and understand if something requires an intervention and then ultimately something might get to a point where it requires a real intervention and we need to have those authorities. So I just want to thank the Mayor for his leadership, I want to thank Council and I think this is a really significant moment, I mean, many of us have been talking about this for almost eight years and finally we are moving forward with it and it's really important in the long-term governance of our City and I'm really...I think the province deserves a big thanks for not only saying they're going to do this but saying they are going to collaborate with us on how we do it which is what I heard Minister Chomiak say in the media. So, thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you Madam Speaker. I rise to support this Motion as well and I just want to express what others really have said and express appreciation to the Mayor and other Councillors, Councillor Gerbasi as well, and many others for their work on moving this to this point. I support this Motion really as an important step, I think, to strengthen the public's confidence in Council. It wasn't...in some ways it seems like forever ago but it was only 13 months ago…14 months ago that all of us were campaigning, going door-to-door, and consistently what I heard at the door from the public was a bit of shaken...their faith was in Council was shaken a little because of what they saw or perceived and so I think this is an important step and one of several other steps that taken by this Council over the last year, 13 months, to put things in place that would again as I said, strengthen the public's confidence in Council. And I realize that this initiative is just launching and so there's a lot of aspects of the Integrity Commissioner role and office that are yet to be developed and will be developed in due course. But as I'm considering this, one of the considerations I do have, and I trust that we've thought through is I don't know that a hundred thousand dollars ultimately will be enough. Hopefully it will be. Hopefully the Integrity Commissioner will be able to return money to the budget every year. I think Councillor Morantz would appreciate that but we don't know. Should he or she run into a series of activity that a hundred thousand dollars would be enough, again, this can be considered in due course as well. Will this individual be called upon or can they be called upon to view historic matters? Will that be considered? Will the Integrity Commissioner, if needed, have a budget to access external, independent legal counsel or external auditors? All these things I know can be considered as I said in due course but those are just some of the things that I'm thinking of but ultimately again, I want to commend the Mayor and others for bringing this to us and I believe it's an important step and I fully support it, thank you.

Madam Speaker: Next is Councillor Mayes followed by Councillor Wyatt, pardon me, Councillor Morantz. Councillor Morantz you had your hand up?

Councillor Morantz: So it's my turn? Okay. Thank you Madam Speaker. I also wanted to rise on this Motion to reiterate Councillor Gillingham was saying…usually I get to the point before Councillor Gillingham, this time he got there first. But what I was going to say is that I had very much the same experience on the door. There was a sense that there was just essentially a breach of trust with the public. And I remember back to my old law school days that one of the things we learned, that it wasn't enough really just to avoid a conflict of interest but really to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest and I think the rationale is that if you can avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest, really you would avoid the conflict itself and I think that was what was lacking and so when I was on the doorstep, really, the reaction of the people I talked to was somewhat visceral, I would say, in terms of…and strong-willed in terms of how they felt about what they perceived as a conflict of interest. And so I think that this measure goes a very long way and I am very, very happy and I agree with Councillor Gerbasi's sentiments that this is a very good day in terms of moving forward with a

proposal and an idea that really is completely designed to restore the public's trust in this Council and I would wholeheartedly support that. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Yeah. Thank you Madam Speaker. I am rising to support this as well and just to follow-up on what one member of Council was mentioning, the history, going back to...it was October 22, 2008, Councillor Gerbasi moves, seconded by Councillor Wyatt and it speaks to the whereases and the clauses that refers to the Province of Ontario and the strong ethic accountability mechanisms of the offices for the Municipal Government code of conduct and Integrity Commissioner. The issue with regards to conflict...goes on....the whereases, whereas, whereas and therefore be it resolved that City Council call on the Province of Manitoba to review and amend existing legislation to create stronger conflict of interest rules and guidelines for the City of Winnipeg and Council through such measures as the establishment of a separate municipal office for the...at that time we called it Conflict of Interest Commissioner or by expanding the role and responsibilities of the existing Commissioner. And this was at the time...it was kind of lonely days and it was quite...there was quite a...it's hard to express really what the…to tell you what the environment was like here. It was very tense, and I recall even the pressure in terms of moving the Motion. So, you know what, I think it is a watershed moment in terms of what we are doing and I'm glad the Province is moving on it and I hope that they amend the Charter quickly, they do it in their next session and hopefully they do it prior to the writ being issued and that this is done quickly to amend the Charter. It's been a long haul and it's kind of nice to actually see it coming to a conclusion and that there will be a Code of Conduct or a clear conflict of interest rules in place to ensure that we never fall into that situation again. And I think it's crucial in terms of just our entire democracy whether it be at the municipal level, setting that tone and following through to the Provincial and Federal levels as well as we know. So thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Wyatt and Mr. Mayor to close.

Mayor Bowman: I have nothing further to add. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: We'll call the question on Item No. 6 - Office of Integrity Commissioner. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk the last report...last Item under this report please.

Item 8 – Request for First Charge against 2016 Capital Budgets for P3 Contract Monthly Payments

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor to open.

Mayor Bowman: I'll wait to hear from Council colleagues.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Yes, I stood this down just to point out we are doing a first charge against our capital. I understand we have in the past done further charges against future capital spending. In this Council chamber at this time of year we really need to address the issue with regards to we are increasing the size of our capital funding of our infrastructure, we have set aside 1 percent going to roads for the local streets. We set aside 1 percent for the regional streets in terms of future tax increases and dedicating that. What's crucial though, Madam Speaker is we are still operating on an annual capital budget basis, we're operating on a one year capital budget with a projected five year projection so you're seeing six years out, you know, we still need to ensure that we are going to tender and getting the tenders out as early as possible and that's still...we're not in that position we're still tendering now. At this point, from what I understand we are tendering now for project managers and once we tender for the consultants who…our engineers hire to hire consulting engineers to run the projects, then they tender the actual projects and by the time that's happening it's not happening until February or March and even later and that really puts us...the pressure on us in terms of our budget, in terms of our capital budget. We are behind the eight ball. The Province of Manitoba is out in front of us leading the charge with regards to tendering early with their capital spending and that puts us at a disadvantage as a city with regards to getting good pricing coming back and it's crucial that we start moving a little...either we create the two year capital budget or we start...or we have first charge reports like this one for capital spending on our infrastructure that we know is already happening because it's predictable in terms of the fact that we have these two programs in place for local and regional streets, not to mention the existing program. And knowing that funding is there and sustainable and growing, we can predictably state that we can aggressively ask for first calls against the charge by this Council against the next capital budget to allow the public service to move faster in terms of the tendering on those projects so those are my comments. I'm supporting the report, thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Are there any further speakers on the Item? Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you Madam Speaker. I just want to state for the record, Madam Speaker, and that's all, I will be supporting this and that's my point. I am not a great fan of P3s. I don't believe that it's the most economically responsible way for us to go about investing in our infrastructure. I just don't believe that. Having said that, you know, I happen to believe in honouring our contracts and on that basis I will be supporting this.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor to close.

Mayor Bowman: This report authorizes expenditures of approximately 4.8 million in 2006 prior to the adoption of the 2016 capital budget as a first charge against the general capital fund in order to make schedule payments of three P3 contracts. The three contracts are the East District Police Station, the Chief Peguis Trail Extension and the Disraeli Bridge and Overpass Facility. Thank you Madam Speaker.
Madam Speaker: Thank you. I'll call the question. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We will now move on to the walk-on reports from this morning's EPC meeting. On your desk you will find paper copies of this report. Mr. Mayor to introduce the walk-on report.

REPORT OF THE
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DATED DECEMBER 9, 2015

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: First we'll suspend the rules.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you. Move suspension of the rules to consider report of EPC dated December 9, 2015, Item No. 1.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Item 1 – Shoal Lake No. 40 First Nation Freedom Road Funding Agreement

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor to introduce the Item.

Mayor Bowman: I will let the Item speak for itself Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any speakers on the Item? Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. The formalization of this great Motion…great day and I appreciate...had a special meeting to make sure to confirm this seems to me related to all the design work required and our intention to have a one-third share at least of the…assisting in the design of both the road and the two bridges, one over the aqueduct and one over the Falcon River which flows into the Falcon Lake to Shoal Lake. Madam Speaker, I think this is a great Motion. We all had an opportunity, I think, most of us to go to Shoal Lake Band 40's territory and really got a good grasp of what they face on a day-to-day basis, trying to live there, and actually, why many of the people who were born there and are part of that territory are not able to actually live there, Madam Speaker. I think this is definitely a wrong that was done many, many, many years ago, a hundred years ago, I think it, whatever, or even longer ago in where we basically moved these people from the shoreline to what is basically become an island. You could call it an island. And where...so that we could have a very reliable water source for the citizens of Winnipeg. And it was a great architectural feat to build the aqueduct. As I understand it there was lots of wrongs that happened at the time because apparently there was a gold mine built at the same time. And some people in the past...and Madam Speaker, goes to having an Ethics Commissioner and what is appropriate and what isn't appropriate for...to happen and what a serious conflict of interest is in terms of the City and our experience. But, it's given the name Freedom Road and I wanted to say, and I am in total support of this Motion, this is a Motion towards the design. But, as I was experiencing my time over at Shoal Lake Band 40 territory, someone mentioned, one of the proponents for assisting the Chief of Shoal Lake Band 30, mentioned and talked about reconciliation. And reconciliation is trying to address our experiences with the Indigenous People of this country, of this province, of this city. And I like to think of this as actually a road to reconciliation. Not necessarily a road to freedom but a road to reconciliation and I think it's great that our new Mayor and our previous Mayor, I think, was supportive before he was moving out his office. But really, we needed to resolve this. This is the road there, but I just wanted to point out though, that this still is not our capital one-third commitment to paying for the road and the bridges as well. I think that that is our intention as the City of Winnipeg City Council to put in one-third towards this road which…and I think the commitments are there on the province and the new Canadian

Government's position to share in those one-third, so I guess I note that still in our capital budget we'll still have to deal with whatever the commitment...I know the designs all have to be done and the final budget will be done and so this is our share to come up with as close to design in a really solid cost estimate so we really know what our capital commitment will be but when our Mayor closes on this, Madam Speaker, maybe he would speak to that but I believe it is our intention to go all the way and cover a third of the cost. And actually, this is reaching out and reconciling something that the City of Winnipeg did to Band 40 many, many years ago. So I'm glad it's here and that we are voting on it today.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you Madam Speaker. I rise also to express support for this Motion. As Councillor Eadie had mentioned, I and many other colleagues and he certainly was one of them visited Shoal Lake at the end of October, and we met with the Chief, Chief Irwin Redsky at the time and the people of Shoal Lake 40, listened to their stories and the impact of the aqueduct that draws water from the lake to supply Winnipeg and we listened to how that has an impact on their community. We toured the community, we saw the aqueduct, we saw the river, the dike and the site of the future road. I believe it was important to tour the community myself as a City Councillor before making this decision and I was...I left that day with the impression that assisting in this is the right thing for us to do. But, I also came to support this Motion after carefully considering any potential negative impact to Winnipeg's water supply. If an access is built to the west from the west, will development follow? And would development or could development in the region jeopardize Winnipeg's water? And so prior to going out to view the community and see the community, on October 23 I sent an e-mail to the Water and Waste Department asking if they had done a study on the potential impact and risk to the City's water supply if such an access is constructed. And the Water and Waste Department responded in e-mail to me and I quote, "(I)n practical terms, the bridge as an all-weather road will actually enhance protection of the water shed by 1) reducing vehicle traffic on the ferry, 2) permitting more economical access for septic field aggregate to maintain the community waste water system, 3) providing a safer way to remove municipal solid and liquid waste from the community instead of on the ferry, 4) reducing winter ice road traffic on Shoal Lake". It goes on to say…the e-mail goes on to say, "(W)ith respect to any concerns about long-term development that may occur if an all-weather road is built, development in the water shed is strictly regulated. Existing provincial environmental policy requires screening of proposed development and specific...and specifies protective requirements for any construction activity. Our long-standing tripartite agreement with Shoal Lake First Nation Band 40 prohibits certain types of development and commits the partners to the shared goal of water shed protection. In addition to the regulatory protection our water treatment plant provides a multi-barriered treatment approach for disinfection." My point is, and I share that today is because this information provided assurance to me and I trust it will provide a measure of insurance to Winnipeggers as well that assisting with this western access is not only important for the community but will also enhance the security of the City's water supply for future generations. And so I will be supporting this Motion today. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Gillingham. Next is Councillor Mayes followed by Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Mayes: Just very briefly, I am supportive of this. It's important to note a couple of things, most of the material facts have already been said but, this is a reallocation of money that was first approved back in the 2012 capital budget 855, so I guess two things, we are not...we are moving forward, we're making a commitment, I think what Councillor Eadie said bears repeating. This was something that the previous Council had embarked on and had endorsed in a previous budget. That said, I want to commend the current Mayor for really being a champion for this and to giving it some more prominence and making it, frankly, something that's being debated by the Federal and Provincial Governments quite seriously. We have been, I think, doing our part moving along with the design work, some good work by the staff and I am pleased to see this commitment today carrying forward with the project. Councillor Gillingham spoken pretty eloquently about what it entails and some of the history but it's also important to note our own history that this was begun under a previous Council but the current Mayor certainly deserves credit for raising the profile of this and making a commitment. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you Madam Speaker. I commend Councillor Gillingham for his prudence…in his progressiveness in wanting to do the right thing but necessarily…but needing to look at Winnipeg's infrastructure and how this affects it. It's heartening to note that we can carry on with our intentions on a tripartite level…well, with all three levels of government and to move ahead on the bridge, as Councillor Eadie refers to it as the bridge to reconciliation. Now, for all those Councillors that visited Shoal Lake and for his Worship as well, one thing that became obvious to me and as Councillor Eadie and I discussed on our way home…on our drive home, is the issue that it's not just development that is the issue, it's lack of development because lack of development creates a lack of infrastructure to deal with health and safety and environmental issues. And so thereby assisting with development and progressive and effective development of Shoal Lake First Nation that a proper and sustainable infrastructure can be developed for dealing with their water and waste and their garbage, recycling, their landfill. This is a very important issue, Madam Speaker. And I

hope now, as we move towards reconciliation, as we move towards the future of resource, environmental impact issues, that we can work with the First Nation, with Shoal Lake and deal with this on a long-term basis which will be to the benefit of our common future. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Schreyer. Next is Councillor Gerbasi.

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you Madam Speaker. Just briefly, I just wanted to again, thank the Mayor for this and EPC and Council for supporting this I think this is an important piece to keep things moving and make these projects actually happen in as timely as possible. It's been a hundred years or whatever. It's time that we move forward. And I think the City of Winnipeg as others eloquently said, Councillor Eadie in particular, talking about the issue of reconciliation. This is an important piece of that. And I know the number of us that went up there and others that have been there before, really saw first-hand the suffering that is caused by continued delays. So we are doing everything we can with this to get those designs in place and to get things physically happening there and…what I am hearing is that this is tying up one end to get the…the design will continue but the ultimate thing is that this Council, I believe, is committed to finishing this project and dealing with those incredibly important issues that are...have been happening for far too long. Finally, the Band 40...friends of Band 40 and Band 40 itself have had an impact, I think, I mean, there was also commitments from the previous Council to get started and to do...to work towards this. But I think that commitment is even stronger today, with our Mayor and this Council and I think this is a really important step and I hope the people of Shoal Lake 40 that we up there have…that we can give them some more hope with this. I know Councillor Gilroy has been a really strong advocate of this too at the community level here in Winnipeg with her constituents and with people here on this issue and many others have been having those conversations. So I just wanted Shoal Lake 40 people and our Indigenous community are listening to this that they have hope; that we really mean it; we're going to help with this; we're going to do our part with this. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers? Seeing none...Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: I just wanted to briefly put my comments on the record to express support for this initiative. I think it's the right thing to do and really pleased to see some action on this file and thank you to my colleague Scott Gillingham who coordinated a meeting with several Councillors and myself to brief us on the file and I wasn't able to attend the tour because I was out of town representing Council at the new Réseau des Villes Francophones et Francophiles Canadiennes, which was my honour to do, but my assistant, Ryan Palmquist was able to attend and subsequently brief me on the files, so pleased to see this issue move forward. I really do think it's the right thing to do considering this First Nations really is providing the life source for the City of Winnipeg and for us to be supporting this project really, I think, is really the right thing to do and pleased to see some action on the file and pleased to see Council providing some leadership and moving forward on it. So, thank you to my colleagues and I will be supporting this Motion.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor to close.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you Madam Speaker. This report, as you know, was considered by EPC earlier this morning and it's administrative in nature and is really housekeeping to ensure that our agreement with Shoal Lake 40 as previously committed, ensures that the funds can continue to flow. I would like to say that I do appreciate hearing the comments and the words of support by Council colleagues. Since 1989 when the City and the Province entered into the tripartite agreement with Shoal Lake First Nation 40, the City has remained steadfast in its objective to promote sustainable economic development for Shoal Lake First Nation 40 and this includes recognition that an all-weather road access is really key to sustainable economic development and a clear intent has been stated in every adopted since 2012. I myself remain committed to Freedom Road and along with the province through Minister Chief, we in April of this year urged the Federal Government to show their commitment as well and I am very pleased to note that our newly elected Prime Minister has indicated his support for this project. The City of Winnipeg's current budget includes investment of 2 million into the Falcon Lake River Diversion Bridge and the 2016 budget will include for this Council's consideration, continued investment into an all-weather road for Shoal Lake First Nation 40 and I will be personally supporting the proposal and I will urge Council to join me when it comes time to vote on the 2016 budget. Thank you.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
QUESTION PERIOD

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I'll call to question, all in favour? Contrary? Carried. We have no motions and no by-laws under EPC. We'll now have question period for the Mayor. Councillor Eadie?

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Speaker. We just had a discussion about the Ethics Commissioner and I had mentioned the auditor, so I'm just wondering if the Mayor could give us an update on how the progress is going in hiring our new City Auditor?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. The new, I appreciate the question, a new permanent City Auditor is really key to ensuring that the processes and the procedures are followed that recommended changes to improve operations here at the City of Winnipeg continue to be made and implemented appropriately to ensure accountability through all future audit activities in the City of Winnipeg. This Selection Committee is currently reviewing all applications received. The Audit Selection Committee consists of EPC and Councillors Gilroy and Wyatt, and I'm confident that we will be able to provide Council with a recommendation on filling the position in the very near future. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Any further questions? Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Thanks, Madam Speaker, through you to the Mayor. Back earlier, the Mayor mentioned the BuildWinnipeg Partnership that was announced in October and he mentioned the Inaugural Meeting. I've read the press release and I see the appointments in terms of the individuals and I guess what I'm interested on in knowing is how does the Mayor receive, as a Member of Council elected, one of the biggest issues that we elected on, we hear on the doorstep of course is transportation, is the issue with regards where we're investing in the future with regards to infrastructure, what sort of infrastructure, which projects are going to be a priority and a lot of it is transportation-related, just because transportation is something, which is very casual and affects people on a daily basis as they go about their different, whether it be going to work or shopping or what have you, just their different trips. Everybody is impacted by the city's transportation system. How do you foresee the BuildWinnipeg Taskforce interacting with this Council? How will the reporting work with regards to coming back? What will be the interaction between BuildWinnipeg and this Council? I'd just like to get a, if the Mayor could speak to that a bit, because it's something, which you know, as a Member of Council, these are issues which are very relevant to all of us and I think there has to be a voice for the elected representatives of this Chamber through BuildWinnipeg, allow them to do the work, but at the same time have that discussion that I don't know how that will function, I just don't understand it and maybe he can elaborate on that?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and thanks very much for the question. The BuildWinnipeg Partnership is filling a campaign commitment of mine to allow us to better coordinate amongst various stakeholders, various government, levels of government, and a really allow us to ensure there's greater long-term planning for transportation-related infrastructure, whether is active transportation, public transit, or roadwork that is occurring. The way that we are proceeding is starting with the BuildWinnipeg Partnership Taskforce. I'm absolutely thrilled and honoured that Annitta Stenning has agreed to volunteer her time, along with all of the members of the Taskforce to simply spend some time over the next six months working on their recommendation to me, and then ultimately to Council on what the actual BuildWinnipeg Partnership would look like, and so ultimately we want to seek the Council some outstanding community leaders that are currently serving in the Taskforce. Ultimately the recommendations will be considered and then there will be a plan brought forward to this Council for consideration. The timelines that we're looking at are over the next six months to have the Taskforce report to me. The hope and expectation is that there will be consideration by this Council so that we could have the BuildWinnipeg Partnership accounted for in the 2017 budgets. So 2016 really will be the year for us to have the discussions and the debates amongst this Council about how it might look and be operational when it actually is implemented. But the first step is to hear from the Taskforce and then move it forward to Council for consideration in due course. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Second question, Councillor Wyatt?

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I appreciate the Mayor's response. In light of the fact that it sounds like it's going to be, it's quite an important initiative, will we have an opportunity, will there be a Terms of Reference tabled at this Council, if not necessarily for approval but at least tabled for information at this Council, so we know exactly what their obligations are, what their plan is, a work plan, and their Terms of Reference in terms of what their scope is and in terms of reporting and reporting back to this Chamber? Will there be a Terms of Reference supplied to us?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Bowman: Well, the BuildWinnipeg Partnership Taskforce is reporting to me and so there, it isn't reporting to this Council. It's recommendation to me for consideration, so that I can then, of course bring forward the, hopefully the wisest course of action for consideration by this Council. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Third question, Councillor Wyatt?

Councillor Wyatt: So then it's fair to say that there will be no Terms of Reference for information in terms of the BuildWinnipeg program to this Council until a report is issued to us telling us what the recommendations are? Is that what I understand?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Bowman: Just so I hope I understand the question. The BuildWinnipeg Partnership Taskforce is a volunteer group set up to provide recommendations to the Mayor for consideration. I know that there is information that has already been released in terms of who the group is and what their mandate is. I can't recall if the Terms of Reference for them is public or not, but I can certainly look into that and provide more information to all Members of Council if insufficient information has been disclosed about what the purposes of the BuildWinnipeg Taskforce is.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gilroy, you have the floor.

Councillor Gilroy: Thank you to the Chair. Although this budget process, I think is a really good start and engaging the public and giving us a guideline on how we're going to move forward, I am concerned that we're kind of missing the piece where we're getting the actual figures out to the public and allowing them to be engaged and understand if there's any budget cuts or maybe added services. So I was wondering if through this process we're going to have an opportunity for the public to be able to understand those figures and really see what are the maybe suggested cuts or maybe even suggested services that are going to be added. Will there be a process that's going to allow the public to be a part of that?

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Bowman: Thanks Councillor for the question, and I want to thank all Winnipeggers who've contributed to the Let's Talk Winnipeg, it's letstalkwpg.ca website and kiosks that are moving throughout Winnipeg right now. The latest update I've received is over 3,000 Winnipeggers have contributed their thoughts. This budget consultation is a first step to a new way of seeking public engagement and feedback as it relates to our budget process. The objectives are essentially two-fold, one is to solicit from Winnipeggers, their priorities and preferences for the upcoming budget, but also to seek their input on how we can build a better budget going forward; and so, information is available online and I would encourage all Winnipeggers to participate in the process. That being said, we absolutely and I know our Finance Chair is committed to ensuring that we are listening to feedback from Winnipeggers on how we can improve the process going forward and will be looking for those as we move forward. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Anything further? Any further questions for the Mayor?

Councillor Allard: Mrs. Speaker?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Allard?

Councillor Allard: Yeah, just I've been reading about the BuildWinnipeg Partnership, and as many of you may know I, as Councillor of St. Boniface, have recently had many discussions on the Marion and Archibald infrastructure project, which I'm pleased or which I'll be asking my colleagues to not approve the current proposal and look at other solutions to the intersection when that hits the Public Works agenda in the new year. But I just, one of the things I've been thinking about on the BuildWinnipeg Partnership is community feedback and the importance of that. I think the city and the city could've done a much better job engaging stakeholders in the community with the Marion Archibald intersection process, and I guess my concern would be, and I'm sure this is part of the deliberations but really the community is heard and that Council does have a say because sometimes it seems plans were drawn up and then once those plans come to fruition that there much bigger than expected and they don't always fit the community that they're going to be built in. So to the Mayor, I just wanted to put that on the record that I'm sure this will be a consideration, but in developing this Partnership that there be a mechanism for Council and communities to be, to have their voices heard in the development of any major capital project in Winnipeg.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker and I'd like to thank the Councillor for his efforts to engage with the community and his constituents on feedback related to that particular project. The sentiment that's just been expressed is exactly why we now have an Office of Public Engagement and I want to thank the Office of Public Engagement for their work with respect to soliciting feedback from the community on this project.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Any further questions? We'll move on to the next committee, Standing Policy Committee on Innovation. There are no reports today, no motions, and no by-laws. Are there any questions for the Chair, Councillor Browaty? Seeing none, we'll move on to the next committee, Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development. Councillor Orlikow on the report dated November 30, 2015?

REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DATED NOVEMBER 30, 2015

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you Madam Chair. I'll move Item Nos. 1 through 11.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Councillor Eadie? Number 8. I'll call the question on Item Nos. 1 through 7 and 9 through 11. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 8 – Policy for City-Owned Industrial Land Sale

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow to open on the Item.

Councillor Orlikow: I'll allow my esteemed colleague to ask his questions first and I will reply best I can.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you Madam Speaker. Not really a question at all actually. Madam Speaker, actually, I am in support of this particular policy change. As I was reading through the report, however, we just passed...there was the Real Estate Audit Recommendations Status Report, Item No. 10 on the Executive Policy Committee and this actual new policy that's being developed for city-owned industrial lands is actually recommendation number 16 from that Real Estate Audit and I just thought that we should note when these reports come through, this policy...this was one of the recommendations that we change, this particular policy and I was reading through the policy, it's a well-established policy sort of changes the...well, basically changes the date in which we assess the value of industrial land so that when we go to sell what is the market value and sets out a whole number of procedures and different circumstances as we may own an industrial property not just in like an industrial area like St. Boniface Industrial or Inkster Industrial which is closer, well, Lord Selkirk - West Kildonan Community Committee area, but there is the odd space, industrial space that may not be in an industrial park but is still zoned in an industrial. So Madam Speaker, I just wanted to make that point that now, as I understand it, in our update report, Item No. 16 from the Real Estate Audit Quarterly Report Update, technically, we are in the quarter in which it was to be brought forth, I believe, or a little bit delayed even from the report Item No. 10, Madam Speaker, but nevertheless once we vote on this policy, I believe it will then be implemented into the new year in the next quarter, we're already at the end of our 4th quarter of 2015. Anyway, I wanted to note that and actually, I'm not sure that I noticed in the policy, in terms of...we are now moving from I believe it's January 1, July 1, assessing the value of industrial lands just so that we know what the going price is when we get an offer to purchase and we're looking at selling these kind of lands, Madam Speaker. I don't think I noted and maybe if the Chairperson might point it out to me. In the meantime we are implementing this policy now, so quarter one. Are we still going to do the January 1 assessment value and then move to what will now be a September 30th assessed value of industrial lands? That's my only question, just how are we providing for what is the value? Because we know that land and...land values can change, ebbs and flows and can change and if the last assessed value we did was July 1, September 30 is going to be a long way off and was that considered when we were moving this policy? But again, I rise in support of this policy as it is a recommendation that comes from the Real Estate Audit Recommendations and is being implemented and I would note for our administration it would be great if in these reports when we get one of these, if it pertains to recommendations from the Real Estate Audit, besides getting the Auditor's report on how things are progressing, it would be great to be able to follow which of these updated policies and frame works and things that we're going to be

voting on so we have an idea, it will make it much easier for us to track and see how progress is going in making our city more accountable and transparent. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Eadie. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: I have seen this agenda Item and I have supported it at our committee but I just wanted to bring some general comments about the sale of industrial land in terms of the St. Boniface Ward and the general…some of the issues that arise when nauseous industry sets up near residential areas, so, I guess I am looking for...I'm working with the administration and would welcome any feedback from any of my Council colleagues on how we might be able to as a municipality, take some leadership on the file of the establishment or not establishment of noxious industry close to residential areas. It's a bit of a complicated matter because noxious industry is regulated by the Province of Manitoba, however nauseous industry tends to set up in M2 and M3 zones in the City of Winnipeg so in that sense the land use that we have established as municipality does have an impact in terms of the chances of nauseous industry setting up or not. In some case these industries are very close to residential areas and, well in the case of smell, which I acted on earlier in this year and set up the St. B smell website that's generated over 200 complaints and that's all been forwarded to Manitoba Conservation. I rise today just to express my intention to be proactive on this file. I have been talking to administration in terms of what mechanisms might be available to us as a municipality to provide greater assurance that there will be more appropriate establishments of these types of industries for consideration to residents and I guess in reading this policy I don't see any consideration for the types of sales that we might be make. If there was a scenario where an industry which was clearly...had the intention to seek an environmental license and if those lands were very close to residential areas, I would want to be able to have some feedback as ward Councillor in order to express residents' concerns, and I don't see any mention of that in the policy. So, I do realize that that may be a separate issue, but I see them as being linked as we are talking about a policy to sell lands that are designated industrial. So on that, thank you for...to my colleagues for listening and if any of my colleagues have some interesting ideas in terms of how we might be able to better address some of these issues, I know they're an issue in St. Boniface, I know it's also an issue in Transcona Ward. I know in terms of smell I have been getting some of complaints from Transcona residents coming through the St.Bsmell.ca website. So I am looking for ways to be as proactive as possible on this file and thank you everyone for your consideration.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Are there any further speakers on the Item? Councillor Orlikow to close.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you very much, Madam Chair. I will quickly just trying to catch up to the questions that I was asked. Again, I know we are all very busy but I love the questions ahead of time if I can, it just helps me be able to respond today rather than later just because we're all so busy. But regardless of that, first of all, I believe and I will clarify myself later on if I am inaccurate. It will be September 30, 2016 will be the next time this request will come back to re-establish the land prices, every year, every September it's supposed to come back. And on that note, as well, congratulations to our administration for getting one done in time with the implementation of the Audit Real Estate Management Review, the Auditor's recommendation…number 16 and it was scheduled to be completed in the fourth quarter of 2015. Hoorah, we got that one, so that was the easy one. The big one that is still coming which we are very excited about and administration is working on quite diligently is the Real Estate Transaction Management Framework and that has most of the other recommendations in there. That tender has gone out I believe. They are working on it diligently and I hope to have that shortly. But again, you absolutely are correct, we should celebrate when we hit our targets and this is another process to make sure that we are following the audit recommendations to reaffirm the people's faith in us. Regarding Councillor Allard's comments, yeah, different matter, again, new versus existing versus…with other restrictions to existing developing industrial land versus restrictions to new develop industrial lands…the City should be aware, you all should be aware, the City of Winnipeg does not have an abundance of city owned industrial land out there. I believe some small little parcels but generally we have St. Boniface Industrial Park, about one and a bit lot left in there. Again, and now the new lot where Parmalat is at will be another potential industrial site. But again, any time that we try to rezone land from a municipal...from any category, you'll have to go through the public hearing process. If there is any new industrial lands that come on the rolls that are close to municipalities…residential homes, you know, that would have to be…the comments from Councillor Allard would have to be taken into great context because it is…you know we talk about work, live, play, well maybe not all work is good besie live as well. Again, nauseous fumes or hazardous materials, we have to be careful where those go. But again, working with Councillor Allard and other Councillors who have the same issue of some of the conflicts between industrial land and residential land, we will continue working on that in the future and otherwise, I think I have answered the questions that I was asked. By that I hope we'll have support.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, I'll call the question. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now move on to By-laws. By-laws for 2nd and 3rd readings. Councillor Orlikow.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS – 2ND AND 3RD READINGS

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you Madam Chair. I'll move that By-law No. 91/2015 to amend the Osborne Village Neighbourhood Plan be read a first time…2nd time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 91/2015.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you, Madam Chair. I'll move that the By-law be read a 3rd time and be sealed and completed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We will now have question period for the Chair. Any questions for Councillor Orlikow? Seeing none, we will move on to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks. There is no report today, no Motions and no By-laws. Any questions for the Chair Councillor Pagtakhan? Seeing none, we will move on, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works. Councillor Lukes on the report dated November 24th.

REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS
DATED NOVEMBER 24, 2015

Councillor Lukes: Thank you Madam Chair. I would like to bring forward Item No. 1 on the report.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. There are no Motions, no By-laws. Any questions for the Chair Councillor Lukes? Next is the Standing Policy Committee on Finance. No reports today, no Motions and no By-laws. Any questions for the Chair Councillor Morantz? Next is the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste River Bank Management and the Environment. Councillor Mayes on the report dated November 23.

REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON WATER AND WASTE, RIVERBANK MANAGEMENT AND THE ENVIRONMENT
DATED NOVEMBER 23, 2015

Councillor Mayes: Thank you Madam Speaker. I will move Item No. 1.

Madam Speaker: Okay. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We do have a Motion in front of us, it's Motion No. 1 moved by Councillor Mayes and seconded by Councillor Gilroy regarding the Blue Dot Project to recognize people's right to live in a healthy environment. This will be an automatic referral to the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment. We have no By-laws for this committee. Any questions for the Chair Councillor Mayes?

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON WATER AND WASTE, RIVERBANK MANAGEMENT AND THE ENVIRONMENT
MOTIONS

Motion No. 1
Moved by Councillor Mayes,
Seconded by Councillor Gilroy,

WHEREAS the David Suzuki Foundation has brought forward the Blue Dot project, which is calling upon communities across Canada to call upon all levels of government to recognize people's right to live in a healthy environment;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba has recently announced their commitment to lead the country as the first province to support the Blue Dot Declaration;

AND WHEREAS ensuring a safe and clean environment and building a sustainable community remains a priority for the City of Winnipeg (the City);

AND WHEREAS through A Sustainable Winnipeg, the City acknowledges that our environment is the foundation for economic and social health, that people comprise a part of the environment, and that a healthy environment is essential to the well-being of all communities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to review the Province's commitment and report back to the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment.

Madam Speaker: Okay we are bringing our meeting to a close and Councillor...yes we will do that in just a moment. The Mayor had mentioned in his opening comments that this is the last meeting of the 2015 session so I would also like to extend my best wishes to each and every one of you for the holiday season and I hope you enjoy time with friends and family. Thank you. Councillor Eadie moves adjournment. Roll call, Madam Clerk.

ROLL CALL

Clerk: His Worship Mayor Bowman, Councillors Allard, Browaty, Dobson, Eadie, Gerbasi, Gillingham, Gilroy, Lukes, Mayes, Morantz, Orlikow, Pagtakhan, Schreyer, Wyatt and Madam Speaker Councillor Sharma.

Council adjourned at 11:42 a.m.